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## FOREIGN.

### BRITISH GOLD COAST.

#### Plague—Axim.

Plague was reported present, January 8, 1918, at Axim, British Gold Coast, West Africa.

#### MALTA.

#### Cerebrospinal Meningitis—1916.

The report of the medical officer of the department of health of the Maltese Islands for the year 1916-17 states that cerebrospinal meningitis was not recognized in Malta previous to the year 1916. The first reported outbreak occurred in March of that year. To the end of the year under report, March 31, 1917, 11 cases with 3 fatalities were notified. The cases occurred in persons living in unfavorable sanitary conditions. Some of the cases occurred in groups. In others no connection with known cases was ascertained.

#### Plague, Year 1917—Plague in Rats—Previous Outbreak, 1813-14.

Eight cases of plague were notified in the island of Malta from March 2 to April 2, 1917. Of these cases, 7 were bubonic in form; 1 case was septicemic. Five of the 8 cases notified occurred at Calcara among a group of laborers from the neighboring island of Gozo, living in two tenements; the remaining cases occurred in contacts with this group. Plague was ascertained to be present in rats.

The last previously reported outbreak of plague in Malta occurred in 1813-14, with a total of 4,668 fatal cases. The epidemic of 1813-14 developed in the city of Valetta.

### CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER.

#### Reports Received During Week Ended Jan. 11, 1918.<sup>1</sup>

#### CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India: Bombay.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 3....	2	1	
Java: West Java.....				Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 1917: Cases, 5; deaths, 3.
Batavia.....	Oct. 26-Nov. 1....	5	3	

<sup>1</sup> From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, and other sources.

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER—Continued.****Reports Received During Week Ended Jan. 11, 1918—Continued****PLAGUE.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Oct. 14-27.....	4	3	Oct. 21-27, 1917: Cases, 13,571; deaths, 9,390.
India:				
Bombay.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 3.....	18	17	
Karachi.....	Oct. 21-Nov. 10.....	6	5	
Madras Presidency.....	Oct. 31-Nov. 6.....	1,555	1,209	
Rangoon.....	Oct. 21-27.....	9	10	

**SMALLPOX.**

Algeria:				
Algiers.....	Nov. 1-30.....	1		Nov. 20, 1917: Cases, 1.
Australia:				
New South Wales.....	Nov. 20.....	1		
Canada:				
Quebec—				
Montreal.....	Dec. 16-22.....	1		Cases, foreign; deaths among native population.
China:				
Dairen.....	Nov. 18-24.....	1		
Shanghai.....	Nov. 19-25.....	2	12	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 12-18.....	1		Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 1917: Cases, 14; deaths, 7.
France:				
Ly. n.....	Dec. 3-9.....	4		
India:				
Madras.....	Oct. 31-Nov. 6.....	4	1	
Italy:				
Turin.....	Nov. 12-25.....	44	10	
Java:				
Mid-Java.....	Oct. 17-23.....	7		
West Java.....				
Newfoundland:				
St. John's.....	Dec. 15-21.....	2		
Philippine Islands:				
Manila.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 10.....	3		
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	Nov. 4-10.....	1		
Russia:				
Petrograd.....	Aug. 31-Oct. 27.....	59	3	
Spain:				
Seville.....	Oct. 1-30.....		9	

**TYPHUS FEVER.**

Algeria:				
Algiers.....	Nov. 1-30.....	2		Oct. 17-23, 1917: Cases, 6; deaths, 1. Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 1917: Cases, 12; deaths, 2.
Canada:				
Quebec—				
Montreal.....	Dec. 16-22.....	2	1	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 12-25.....	23	5	
Greece:				
Saloniki.....	Nov. 11-24.....		19	
Japan:				
Nagasaki.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2.....	1		
Java:				
Mid-Java.....				
Samarang.....	Oct. 17-23.....	3		
West Java.....				
Batavia.....	Oct. 26-Nov. 1.....	8	2	
Mexico:				
Mexico City.....	Nov. 19-Dec. 15.....	243		
Russia:				
Petrograd.....	Aug. 31-Oct. 27.....	22		
Sweden:				
Goteborg.....	Nov. 18-24.....	1		
Tunisia:				
Tunis.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 6.....		1	

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER—Continued.****Reports Received from Dec. 29, 1917, to Jan. 4, 1918.<sup>1</sup>****CHOLERA.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Calcutta.....	Sept. 16-Oct. 6....		42	
Java:				
West Java.....				
Batavia.....	Oct. 19-25.....	8	2	Oct. 19-25, 1917: Cases, 9; deaths, 2.
Persia:				
Mazanderan Province—				
Astrabad.....	July 31.....			Present.
Barfush.....	July 1-27.....	34	23	
Chahmirzad.....				25 cases reported July 31, 1917.
Chahrastragh.....	June 15-July 25.....	10	8	
Kharek.....	May 28-June 11.....	21	13	
Sari.....	July 8-29.....	273	144	
Yekchambe-Bazar.....	June 3.....	6		
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Sept. 16-22.....	1	1	

**PLAGUE.**

British Gold Coast:				
Axim.....	Jan 8.....			Present.
Egypt:				
Port Said.....	July 23-29.....	1	2	Jan. 1-Nov. 15, 1917: Cases, 728; deaths, 398.
India:				
Calcutta.....	Sept. 16-29.....		2	Sept. 16-29, 1917: Cases, 18,653; deaths, 13,810.
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Sept. 16-22.....	1	1	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 3....	1	3	

**SMALLPOX.**

Australia:				
New South Wales.....				Oct. 12-25, 1917: Cases, 5.
Abermain.....	Oct. 25.....	2		
Warren.....	Oct. 12-13.....	3		
Brazil:				
Pernambuco.....	Nov. 1-15.....	1		
Rio de Janeiro.....	Sept. 30-Oct. 27.....	313	88	
Canada:				
Ontario—				
Hamilton.....	Dec. 16-22.....	1		
Sarnia.....	Dec. 9-15.....	1		
China:				
Amoy.....	Oct. 22-Nov. 4....			Present.
Mukden.....	Nov. 11-24.....			Do.
Tientsin.....	Nov. 11-17.....	2		
Egypt:				
Cairo.....	July 23-29.....	2	1	
France:				
Lyon.....	Nov. 18-25.....		1	In hospital. From Givors.
Great Britain:				
Birmingham.....	Nov. 11-17.....	19		
Italy:				
Turin.....	Oct. 29-Nov. 4....	33	6	
Java:				
Mid-Java.....	Oct. 10-16.....	8		
West Java.....				Oct. 19-25, 1917: Cases, 8; deaths, 1.
Mexico:				
Mazatlan.....	Dec. 5-11.....		1	
Mexico City.....	Nov. 11-17.....	9		
Newfoundland:				
St. Johns.....	Dec. 8-14.....	10		
Portuguese East Africa:				
Lourenco Marques.....	Aug. 1-Sept. 30....		4	
Russia:				
Moscow.....	Aug. 26-Oct. 6....	22	2	

<sup>1</sup> From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, and other sources. For reports received from June 30, 1917, to Dec. 28, 1917, see Public Health Reports for Dec. 28, 1917. The tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER—Continued.****Reports Received from Dec. 29, 1917, to Jan. 4, 1918.****TYPHUS FEVER.**

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks
Australia:				
South Australia.....	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 11-17, 1917: Cases, 1.
Canada:				
Ontario—				
Kingston.....	Dec. 2-8.....	3	.....	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 8-14.....	10	2	
Cairo.....	July 23-29.....	23	8	
Java:				
Mid-Java.....	Oct. 10-16.....	12	.....	Oct. 19-25, 1917: Cases, 9; deaths, 2.
West Java.....	.....	.....	.....	
Batavia.....	Oct. 18-25.....	5	1	
Mexico:				
Aguascalientes.....	Dec. 15.....	.....	2	
Mexico City.....	Nov. 11-17.....	94	.....	
Russia:				
Arhangel.....	Sept. 1-14.....	7	2	
Moscow.....	Aug. 26-Oct. 6....	49	2	